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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States imports for consumption from \$1,247.3 million in May to the record total of \$1,335.5 million in June, a gain of about seven percent, resulted from noticeable increases in imports of all of the economic classes of commodities except crude foodstuffs. June imports for consumption were about 32 percent higher than the June 1958 imports for consumption total of \$1,013.6 million.

For the first six months of 1959, imports for consumption amounted to \$7,313.6 million, a level about 17 percent higher than the \$6,237.5 million reported for the corresponding period of 1958. The Bureau also pointed out that for fiscal 1959 (July 1958 through June 1959), imports for consumption totaled \$13,857.8 million and represented an increase of about eight percent over the fiscal 1958 (July 1957 through June 1958) total of \$12,788.0 million. Fiscal 1959 "duty-free" imports were valued at \$5,497.6 million or about 40 percent of the total. For fiscal 1958, "duty-free" imports amounted to \$5,718.9 million or about 45 percent of the total.

From May to June, imports of semimanufactures rose from \$261.5 to \$306.1 million largely as a result of increases in imports of sawed boards, planks, and deals, from \$29.4 to \$40.5 million; copper, from \$13.3 to \$21.1 million; aluminum, from \$13.3 to \$18.2 million; and gas and fuel oil, from \$30.4 to \$34.2 million. Imports of crude materials rose from \$246.0 to \$287.9 million as noticeable increases were registered in imports of crude petroleum, from \$64.5 to \$94.6 million; tin, from \$0.1 to \$8.6 million; and iron ore and concentrates, from \$30.0 to \$35.9 million. Small increases in imports of most of the individual items included in finished manufactures accounted for the over-all rise in imports of this economic class of commodities from \$436.6 to \$457.2 million. Owing chiefly to an increase in imports of meat products, from \$32.8 to \$38.5 million, imports of manufactured foodstuffs climbed from \$142.1 to \$147.7 million.

During the period, imports of crude foodstuffs, reflecting in part a sizable drop in imports of coffee, from \$91.1 to \$73.2 million, fell from \$161.0 to \$136.6 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in-transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Effective January 1958 formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by

sampling. These estimated values are shown in this table as "Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures". Prior to 1958 all imports valued \$250 or less whether reported on formal or informal entries were estimated by sampling and were shown separately by economic class. For convenience these estimates for 1957 are now included in the "All other" category for each economic class. For an indication of the effect the change in coverage and the change in presentation of sampled transactions have on the economic classes and commodity totals shown in this report effective with data for 1958, see the January 1958 issue of FT 930-I.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1959 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1958 include revisions published with the December 1958 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1959. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
JUNE 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	June 1959	May 1959	June 1958	Monthly average	
				1958	1957
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	147.7	142.1	133.2	125.4	106.0
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	101,070	84,392	73,680	70,817	34,084
value..	38.5	32.8	28.8	27.9	15.3
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	5,148	4,268	4,360	4,645	4,240
value..	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.2
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	36,670	41,529	39,018	39,886	37,175
value..	11.9	11.5	11.3	11.0	10.6
Fodders and feeds.....value..	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	964	955	953	772	690
value..	52.3	51.5	52.1	43.3	38.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	25,880	30,576	30,508	28,698	20,076
value..	3.1	4.5	4.4	3.7	3.3
Whisky.....value..	13.0	13.8	10.1	13.2	12.5
All other manufactured foodstuffs ²value..	24.5	24.3	22.6	22.2	22.2
Semimanufactures.....value..	306.1	261.5	216.6	220.1	243.3
Leather.....value..	4.0	4.2	2.1	2.6	2.6
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	349	309	175	200	208
value..	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	5.0	5.5	2.5	4.1	4.2
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	11,022	7,771	6,136	9,300	10,296
value..	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	6.2	6.8	3.7	3.7	4.0
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	490	357	290	283	245
value..	40.5	29.4	22.4	21.8	20.2
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	214	201	186	175	175
value..	27.5	26.0	25.0	23.1	22.8
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	16,127	14,510	14,582	17,566	15,431
value..	34.2	30.4	35.3	41.6	41.4
Asbestos.....long tons..	57,262	52,972	43,853	43,706	46,670
value..	5.8	5.3	3.9	4.0	4.2
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	101	60	52	60	51
value..	7.7	6.6	5.3	5.7	5.5
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	23.4	22.8	6.5	7.5	4.8
Aluminum.....value..	18.2	13.3	8.8	11.8	10.8
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	70	44	93	56	79
value..	21.1	13.3	22.4	13.7	23.7
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	49,333	76,536	75,692	61,166	56,519
value..	6.0	9.0	7.5	6.6	7.6
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	25,466	19,825	13,157	15,448	23,133
value..	16.1	12.7	8.9	10.2	16.8
Tin.....1,000 lb..	12,282	8,950	10,460	8,275	11,422
value..	12.2	9.1	9.5	7.5	10.9
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	26,432	34,903	27,028	31,111	44,907
value..	2.5	3.5	2.8	2.9	5.4
Coal-tar products.....value..	5.6	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	8.7	8.0	6.1	6.0	5.8
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	128	128	97	128	132
value..	4.9	5.0	3.6	4.9	5.0
All other semimanufactures ²value..	55.0	45.4	35.9	37.2	42.5
Finished manufactures.....value..	457.2	436.6	308.9	324.2	293.9
Leather manufactures.....value..	5.7	5.2	4.0	5.1	4.0
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.1	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.7
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	16,600	16,370	13,609	11,795	10,208
value..	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.2	2.9
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	12.5	14.1	8.7	9.3	8.1
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	93,492	89,761	54,539	70,910	71,349
1,000 lb..	56,195	52,628	30,315	40,641	41,253
value..	8.6	8.1	4.5	6.3	6.7
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.4	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.5
Wool manufactures.....value..	16.0	18.4	13.1	10.9	11.3
Silk manufactures.....value..	6.2	4.8	4.2	4.8	4.7
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	231	219	198	178	159
value..	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.6
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	458	477	411	407	435
value..	59.5	60.2	51.6	51.3	54.8
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.7	6.5	4.6	5.0	4.9
Pottery.....value..	4.9	4.1	3.5	3.9	3.7

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Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	31.8	27.1	13.6	13.4	14.7
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	9.2	9.6	6.0	6.4	6.1
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	18.1	16.5	11.5	10.2	6.6
Automobiles and parts.....value..	74.6	78.7	34.8	46.0	28.1
Other machinery.....value..	41.8	36.1	27.4	28.8	28.1
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	10.6	11.8	10.6	10.5	8.0
Photographic goods.....value..	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.3
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.3	3.0	2.1	2.4	2.2
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.2	2.1	1.4	1.6	1.7
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	5.4	4.6	3.6	3.4	3.5
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.7	4.2	3.3	3.9	4.7
American goods returned.....value..	21.2	20.2	14.9	16.6	15.8
All other finished manufactures ²value..	89.6	79.5	63.4	64.4	64.1
Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments ²value..	11.0	9.2	9.9	8.3	xxx

*Indicates less than \$50,000.

¹Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.²For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.

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